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SUBJ: SIXTH INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL MEETING ON EDUCATION,  
SCIENCE AND CULTURE (CIECC) - JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 1,  
1975, TLATELOLCO, MEXICO (FINAL USDEL REPORT AND SUMMARY)

DEPT PLS PASS ALL ARA DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND HEW CARL SHAW  
USDEL #10  
SUMMARY

ALL AUTHORIZED OAS MEMBER STATES ATTENDED MEETING OF OAS/  
CIECC WITH EXCEPTION OF BARBADOS AND BOLIVIA. SIXTEEN MINISTERS  
OF EDUCATION OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HEADED DELEGATIONS WITH  
BLANCE HEADED BY AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO MEXICO. HEW SECRETARY  
WEINBERGER'S PRESENCE AS HEAD OF USDEL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE  
PRAISE AND RECOGNITION BY LATIN DELEGATIONS, MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND  
LOCAL PRESS. THE FY 1975/76 U.S. PLEDGE LEVEL OF \$13,590,000  
FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE WAS MATCHED BY TENTATIVE LA  
PLEDGE LEVEL OF \$6,000,000 WITH THREE COUNTRIES YET TO PLEDGE  
AND SIX COUNTRIES INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING PRESENT  
PLEDGE LEVELS IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS. WHILE  
SESSIONS UNDULY LENGTHY OR POSTPONED FREQUENTLY BECAUSE OF LACK  
OF DOCUMENTATION AND AS A RESULT OF HEAVY SOCIAL CALENDAR,  
U.S. DEL BELIEVES OBJECTIVES OF MEETINGS ACCOMPLISHED TO

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SATISFACTION OF MEMBER STATES AND CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED CONTINUED

U.S. INTEREST IN AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS. AS IN THE PAST, THIS OAS/CIECC MEETING TURNED OUT TO BE REMARKABLY WORKMANLIKE, CONSTRUCTIVE, LARGELY TECHNICAL AND OBJECTIVE. TRINIDAD TOBAGO'S EDUCATION MINISTER GOMEZ POINTEDLY OBSERVED IN INFORMAL CLOSING SESSION THAT QUOTE WE IN THE AMERICAS ARE BETTER OFF THAN MANY -- ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN SMALL ADVANCES WHEN TOTALED CAN SURPRISE EVEN THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST CYNICAL AND CRITICAL OF OUR INTER AMERICAN SYSTEM. UNQUOTE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF OAS/CIECC TO BE HOSTED BY EL SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AT SAN SALVADOR. END SUMMARY

1. THIS IS USDEL FINAL TELEGRAPHIC REPORT AND FOREGOING SUMMARY IS BASED PRIMARILY ON PREVIOUS CABLES (USDEL #1-9 REPEATED TO ALL ARA DIPLOMATIC POSTS WHERE OF GENERAL INTEREST).

2. GENERAL ATMOSPHERE AND WORKING CONDITIONS. THIS MEETING OF THE OAS' INTER-ERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE BEGAN MONDAY, JANUARY 27 AND COLOSED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1975 AT 10 PM. IT TOOKS PLACE IN THE EXCELLENT CONFERENCE FACILITIES OF THE MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE AT TLATELOLCO WHERE LAST FEBRUARY FOREIGN MINISTERS MET FOR TWO DAYS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. A HEAVY SOCIAL SCHEDULE (FOR EXAMPLE, JANUARY 29, 1 PM VISIT WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA FOLLOWED BY 3 PM LUNCHEON OF EDUCATION MINISTER BRAVO AND 6 PM FOLKLORIC BALLET) AND FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA'S JANUARY 31ST RECEPTION, FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED PREVIOUSLY PLANNED SCHEDULES. AS A CONSEQUENCE

, DELEGATES IN PLENARY AND WORKING GROUPS WERE ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS FORCED TO MEET UNTIL 1:30 AND 4:30 IN THE MORNING. MEXICO'S EDUCATION MINISTER BRAVO CHAIRED PLENARY INCLUDING EARLY MORNING SESSION.

3. ASIDE FROM THE SOCIAL SCHEDULE, DELAYS OCCURED ALSO BECAUSE OF A LACK OF DOCUMENTATION OR WHERE AVAILABLE THE INABILITY TO HAVE THE MATERIAL TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH IN TIMELY FASHION. OAS SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL MAINTAINED THAT DOCUMENTATION DELAYS RESULTED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT LACK OF EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL, INABILITY TO RUN REPRODUCTION FACILITIES, FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF NEEDED DOCUMENTATION BROUGHT FROM WASHINGTON, AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE MEXICAN DESIRE TO HAVE OAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONNEL INVOLVED AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE IN RUNNING THE MEETING. IN LATE HOURS OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, USDEL (AMB. MAILLIARD) PROPOSED IN THE INTEREST OF BRINGING CONFERENCE TO A CLOSE, THREE TO FOUR HOURS EARLIER, THAT THE FINAL REPORT BE PREPARED BY CEPICIECC IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS US PROPOSAL WAS GIVEN UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY OTHER DELEGATIONS. AS OCCURRED LAST YEAR IN SANTO DOMINGO, US DOCUMENTS OFFICER (GEIGAN) GREATLY ASSISTED WORK OF CONFERENCE BY HAVING AVAILABLE THE ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COPIES OF CERTAIN MATERIAL FROM HER EXTENSIVE REFERENCE FILES.

4. USDEL PRIOR TO THIS MEETING HAD ESTIMATED THAT AS IN THE PAST OAS/CIECC WOULD BE LARGELY TECHNICAL AND OBJECTIVE, SAVE FOR THE RHETORICAL FLOURISHES AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ARE INTERESTED IN THE BENEFITS THAT FLOW TO THEIR COUNTRIES FROM THESE OAS PROGRAMS. USDEL PRIOR TO COMING TO THIS CONFERENCE HAD, HOWEVER, NOTED A RECENT TENDENCY ON THE PART OF THE MEXICANS TO POLITICIZE TECHNICAL CONFERENCES WHICH MEXICO HAD HOSTED, BY PUSHING PRONOUNCEMENTS ON EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES IN WHICH MEXICO HAS AN INTEREST. THESE ESTIMATES PROVED FOR THE MOST PART TO BE CORRECT AND THE MEETING WAS REMARKABLY WORKMANLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S OPENING SPEECH WAS HOSTILE TOWARD THE OAS AND INAPPROPRIATE. SECRETARY GENERAL GALO PLAZA, WHO AT THE REQUEST OF THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED MRS. ECHEVERRIA'S ENDEAVORS IN CULTURE AND ART, RECEIVED NO RECOGNITION OF HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE OAS AT THIS MEETING WHICH IS PLAZA'S SWAN SONG IN SO FAR AS THIS PARTICULAR OAS COUNCIL IS CONCERNED. MEXICAN GUESTS OF EDUCATION MINISTER BRAVO AT THE MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY WERE OVERHEARD ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN THE PRESIDENT'S ATTACKS ON THE OAS AS FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION NOTING THAT HE HAD INVITED THIS OAS COUNCIL TO MEXICO PRIOR TO THE QUITO MEETING ON THE CUBAN ISSUE AND PUBLICLY, AT LEAST, HAD TO APPEAR CONSISTENT IN HIS CONTINUED CRITICISMS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD ESCALATED QUITE A BIT SINCE QUITO.

5. CLOSING REMARKS. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS LATE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, MEXICAN EDUCATION MINISTER BRAVO MAINTAINED THAT THE ONLY PATH THAT THE OAS CAN FOLLOW IF IT IS TO ENDURE IS TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE DIVERSITY OF NATIONAL IDENTITY WHICH IS THE BASE OF A POLITICAL PLURALISM FOR THE REGION. (IN PRIVATE TALKS WITH MINISTER BRAVO HE TOLD USDEL HE FELT UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONALLY THAT THE OAS POLICY OF ISOLATING CUBA WAS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, AND FORCED CUBA INTO THE ARMS OF THE SOVIETS.)

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IN HIS PUBLIC CLOSING REMARKS MINISTER BRAVO INDICATED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE OAS/CIECC MEETING SHOWED THAT HARMONY CAN PREVAIL OVER PARTICULAR INTERESTS WHEN THE LATTER ARE VIEWED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF INTER-AMERICAN COMPREHENSION AND RESOLVED IN THE GENERAL INTEREST TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL COUNTRIES.

6. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, CARLTON GOMEZ, OBSERVED THAT QUOTE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST COUNTRIES OF THE OAS, WHICH ORGANIZATION FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING BETTERMENT OF PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS. THE PROBLEMS OF TODAY'S WORLD ARE MANY AND VARIED AND SEEM TO RISE WITHOUT NOTICE FROM MOMENT TO MOMENT. SYSTEMS (LIKE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTE) WHICH HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME ARE NOW BEING CHALLENGED. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS BEFORE CIECC UNDERSCORED THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE. MY VIEW AND ONE SHARED BY OTHER DELEGATES IS THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE TO A LARGE EXTENT MADE BY MAN AND THEIR SOLUTIONS THEREFORE MUST BE MADE BY MAN. ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN SMALL ADVANCES WHEN TOTALED CAN SURPRISE EVEN THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST CYNICAL AND CRITICAL OF OUR SYSTEM. UNQUOTE AFTER THANKING THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXCELLENT CONFERENCE FACILITIES, HE OBSERVED THAT QUOTE WE IN THE AMERICAS ARE BETTER OFF THAN MANY AND LET US THANK OUR LUCKY STARS THAT WE HAVE THE DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARD BETTERING LIVES AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL  
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OUR PEOPLES. UNQUOTE

7. MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED: MAR DEL PLATA SPECIAL PROJECTS TURNED OUT TO BE MAJOR ISSUE OF WORK GROUP I WHICH DEALT WITH INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS. MAR DEL PLATA PROJECTS

ARE MULTILATERAL, MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND BRING EDUCATION AND SCIENCE TO BEAR ON KEY DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE TO BE THE PRINCIPLE BENEFICIARIES AND WHILE THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN THIS RESPECT, THE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THIS END VARIED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE WAS DIRECTED TO STUDY THE VARIOUS ISSUES BEARING ON MAR DEL PLATA AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMIT THEM TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE, THESE PROJECTS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER EXISTING GUIDELINES.

8. ALSO DISCUSSED AND APPROVED WAS THE U.S. RESOLUTION FOR FOLLOW-UP ON PROJECT EVALUATIONS.

9. GROUP II WHICH DEALT WITH EDUCATIONAL MATTERS ALSO FOCUSED ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO MAR DEL PLATA PROJECTS IN EDUCATION. ALL EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED UPON IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN FINAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE, WERE EXHAUSTIVELY REVIEWED.

10. WORK GROUP III DEALT WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AGAIN, ALL PROJECTS IN THIS AREA WERE CAREFULLY REVIEWED AND WILL BE REPORTED ON IN GREATER DETAIL LATER. MAR DEL PLATA PROJECTS IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION AS DID THE NEED FOR IN-DEPTH EVALUATION.

11. IT WAS AGREED THAT A REPORT WOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INDICATING THE INABILITY OF CIECC TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DECISIONS (OUTSIDE OAS FORUM) REGARDING SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SINCE THE MINISTERS HAVE YET TO REACH ANY DEFINITIVE DECISIONS.

12. IN THE AREA OF CULTURE, COMMITTEE IV, HEW SECRETARY WINBERGER'S OFFER TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNDER THE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR CULTURE WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. HIS REMARKS EFFECTIVELY DEFUSED A PROPOSAL CRITICIZING THE U.S. FOR NOT SUPPORTING THE SPECIAL FUND.

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THE MEXICAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO THE SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ASSISTANCE FOR THIS AREA. APPROVAL WAS GIVEN FOR A SUPPORTING PROJECT COMMEMORATING THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL. ALSO A RESOLUTION WAS AGREED UPON APPROVING OAS PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S YEAR WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTED TWO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN.

12. COMMENT: GREATER PROJECT DETAIL WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE THE FINAL REPORT IS PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON. THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS CIECC MEETINGS REMARKED THAT THIS WAS BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING TO DATE DESPITE SERIOUS DELAYS

IN OBTAINING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ON A TIMELY BASIS.  
UNDOUBTEDLY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE MEETINGS SUCCESS WAS THE FACT  
THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATIONS WERE COMPOSED OF HIGHLY  
QUALIFIED TECHNOCRATS IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND  
CULTURE. EL SALVADOR ACCEPTED HOSTSHIP OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING  
OF CIECC.  
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